To Whom It May Concern:

There is great concern among those of us who are Arbonne Independent Consultants over the proposed Business Opportunity Rule R511993. In its present form, it could prevent me from continuing as an Arbonne Independent Consultant. I do understand that part of the FTC's responsibility is to protect the public from "unfair and deceptive acts or practices," but some areas of the proposed rule will make it very difficult, if not impossible, for me to sell my products and sponsor people into the business.

One of the most restrictive sections of the proposed rule is the 7-day waiting period to sign up new consultants. This waiting period could certainly give the wrong impression that there is something wrong with the Arbonne opportunity. One of the key elements to my success in this business has been to capture the enthusiasm and immediate results which prospects experience with Arbonne products; the waiting period would potentially limit my ability to grow my business.

The proposed rule requires the disclosure of a minimum of 10 prior Independent Consultants nearest to the prospective Consultant. I could provide references, but identity theft is such a reality today that I am very uncomfortable about giving out personal information without individuals' permission or knowledge that I would be doing this - certainly to strangers. Another part of this would be sending the list to Arbonne and then waiting for their approval. I see this as an invasion of privacy to disclose personal data on my prospective buyers.

Arbonne International is one of the finest companies with whom I have ever done business. I have been an independent consultant since March and the quality from the top down is without question.

I realize that it is important for the FTC to protect consumers - and I do appreciate that, but I do believe this proposed new rule would jeopardize my business and harm millions of other successful network marketers. Think what this might do to the economy!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Janet Hume